And it is meet I preſently ſet forth.
Duke. I am ſorry that your leiſure ſerves you not.
Anthonio, gratifie this Gentleman;
For in my mind you are much bound to him.
Exit Duke and his traine.
Baſſ. Moſt worthy Gentleman, I and my friend
Have by your wiſedome been this day acquitted
Of grievous penalties, in lieu whereof,
Three thouſand Ducats due unto the Iew,
We freely cope your courtious paines withall.
Ant. And ſtand indebted over and above
In love and ſervice to you evermore.
Por. He is well paid that is well ſatisfied,
And I delivering you, am ſatisfied,
And therein do account my ſelfe well paid;
My minde was never yet more mercinary.
I pray you know me when we meet againe,
I wiſh you well, and ſo I take my leave.
Baſſ. Deere ſir, of force I muſt attempt you further,
Take ſome remembrance of us as a tribute,
Not as fee: grant me two things I pray you,
Not to deny me, and to pardon me.
Por. You preſſe me farre, and therefore I will yeeld;
Give me your Gloves, Ile weare them for your ſake,
And for your love Ile take this Ring from you.
Do not draw back your hand, Ile take no more,
And you in love ſhall not deny me this.
Baſſ. This Ring good ſir, alas it is a trifle,
I will not ſhame my ſelfe to give you this.
Por. I will have nothing elſe but onely this,
And now me thinkes I have a mind to it.
Baſſ. There's more depends on this then on the value;
The deareſt Ring in *Venice* will I give you,
And find it out by proclamation,
Onely for this I pray you pardon me.
Por. I ſee ſir you are liberall in offers,
You taught me firſt to beg, and now me thinks
You teach me how a begger ſhould be anſwered.
Baſſ. Good

Baſſ. Good ſir, this Ring
And when ſhe put it on, ſhe
That I ſhould neither ſell, n
Por. That ſcuſe ſerves n
And if your wife be not a m
And know how well I have
She would not hold out ene
For giving it to me: well, p
Anth. My L. *Baſſanio*, let
Let his deſervings and my l
Be valued 'gainſt your wive
Baſſ. Go *Gratiano*, runne
Give him the Ring, and brin
Unto *Anthonio's* houſe, awa
Come, you and I will thithe
And in the morning early w
Flie toward *Belmont*, come

Enter

Por. Enquire the Iewes h
And let him ſigne it, wee'l a
And be a day before our husl
This deed will be well wel

Enter G

Grat. Faire ſir, you are w
My Lord *Baſſanio* upon mo
Hath ſent you here this Ring
Your company at dinner.
Por. That cannot be;
His Ring I do accept moſt t
And ſo I pray you tell him:
I pray you ſhew my youth
Grat. That will I do.
Ner. Sir, I would ſpeak
Ile ſee if I can get my husba
Which I did make him ſwe

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